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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO

NAME: WILLIAM B. PORTER III

DATE OF ARREST: JUNE 19, 1975 AT CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO.

1. SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS FOR LACK OF FUNDS AND LACK OF DOCUMENTATION. HE HAD IL-LEGALLY ENTERED MEXICO AND WAS HITCHHIKING THROUGH MEXICO.

2. SUBJECT WAS PLACED IN JAIL AND APPARENTLY FORGOTTEN BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND NOT PERMITTED TO CONTACT CONSULATE. PRINCIPAL OFFICER FOUND HIM IN JAIL IN CHETUMAL QUITE BY ACCIDENT ON JULY 2, 1975. HEAD OF IMMIGRATION DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT CASE. JAIL IN CHETUMAL VERY BAD. SUBJECT FINALLY DEPORTED ON JULY 8, 1975.

3. CONSULATE PROTESTED TO CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION IN CHETUMAL AND ALSO TOOK UP MATTER WITH GOVERNOR OF STATE OF QUINTANA ROO. PROBLEM IS THAT CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION ANSWERS ONLY TO GOBERNACION MINISTRY IN MEXICO CITY.

4. MEXICAN ATTITUDE ON THIS MATTER IS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED IN LETTER DATED 12/5/75 ON SIMILAR CASE (GUY GRUNSTEIN) FROM THE MEXICAN EMBASSY TO GRUNSTEIN'S FATHER. IN THIS LETTER EMBASSY FAILS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
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NOTIFY CONSULATE AND EQUATES CONDITIONS IN CHETUMAL JAIL

WITH THOSE CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED BY MEXICAN ILLEGALS IN  
USA. UNTIL THERE IS SOME CHANGE IN THIS ATTITUDE THE  
CONSULATE FULLY EXPECTS NEGLECT OF THIS NATURE TO CONTINUE  
IN SUCH AREAS AS CHETUMAL. ASHFORD

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